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Dear Ms Jennings,

Amendments - DM/21/02952/FPA & DM/21/02953/LB 24 - 25 Market Place Durham DH1 3NJ

Conversion of upper floors to create a 6-bed HMO (Use Class C4), installation of rooflights and new door within frontage

The Trust maintains its objection based on means of bike storage, treatment of the shopfront and failure to adequately confirm interior changes and window replacement.

Proposal – Amendments

The Trust appreciates the submission of a detail for historic staircase protection but notes that its extent is insufficiently explained. It remains unconvinced by the means of bin collection but as this is controlled by the applicant and private contractors retracts its objection to this. Means of bike access to Back Silver Street remains unlikely to succeed. The discordant shopfront fittings remain and are used to form the new entrance. A sketch shows some retention of original room features but also notes new glazing for windows and this is not clearly explained or specified. Window style and materials are important, especially on the Market Place frontage. The heritage statement and description treatment of detailing therefore fail.

Objection.

The Trust continues to object to the application, based on the above points.

Yours sincerely

John Lowe,
Chair, City of Durham Trust